

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims now pending; this listing replaces all earlier versions and listings of the claims.

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~~Claim 1 (currently amended): A printing system in which a host device and a~~
printer are connected via a communication medium and a print job produced in said host device is transferred to the printer to execute printing, comprising:

memory means in which paper output place information on the paper output place used in ~~[[said]]~~ the print job is registered;

requisition means for issuing a request of paper output place information for enabling a user to specify a paper output place used in a designated print job, according to an instruction from the user;

retrieval means for retrieving the paper output place information on the designated print job from said memory means; and

information means for informing the user of the paper output place information on the designated print job, obtained by said retrieval means, ~~to the user~~, in response to ~~[[issue]]~~ issuance of the request by said requisition means,

wherein said information means enables to inhibit informing the user of the paper output place information when a request is not issued by said requisition means.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A printing system according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~detection means for detecting papers stacked on the paper output place of~~
said printer[[,]]; and

elimination means for eliminating information on the print job having used
the corresponding paper output place from said memory means when said detection means detects
that papers have been removed from the paper output place.

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Claim 3 (original): A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said memory
means or said retrieval means is provided in said printer.

Claim 4 (original): A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said memory
means or said retrieval means is provided in said host device.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method for controlling a printing system in
which a host device and a printer are connected via a communication medium and a print job
produced in the host device is transferred to the printer to execute printing, said method comprising
the steps of:

registering in memory means paper output place information on the paper
output place used in the print job ~~in memory means~~;

issuing a request of paper output place information for enabling a user to
specify a paper output place used in a designated print job, according to an instruction from the user;

retrieving the paper output place information on the designated print job
from the memory means; and

~~informing the user of the paper output place information on the designated~~
print job, obtained in said retrieving step of the user, in response to ~~[[issue]]~~ issuance of the request
in said requisition step of issuing the request,

wherein said information informing step includes enabling inhibition of
informing the user of the paper output place information when a request is not issued by
performance of said issuing step.

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Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for controlling a printing system
according to claim 5, further comprising the step of eliminating information on the print job having
that has used the corresponding paper output place from the memory means when papers have been
removed from the paper output place of the printer.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A method for controlling a printing system
according to claim 5, wherein said registration step or said retrieval step is performed in the printer.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A method for controlling a printing system
according to claim 5, wherein said registration step or said step retrieving is performed in the host
device.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A computer-readable memory medium which
stores a control program for a printing system in which a host device and a printer are connected via
a communication medium and a print job produced in the host device is transferred to the printer to
execute printing, said program comprising:

~~code for registering in memory means paper output place information on~~

the paper output place used in the print job in memory means;

code for issuing a request of paper output place information for enabling a user to specify a paper output place used in a designated print job, according to an instruction from the user;

code for retrieving the paper output place information on the designated print job from the memory means; and

code for informing the user of the paper output place information on the designated print job, obtained in said retrieval step, ~~to the user~~, in response to ~~[[issue]]~~ issuance of the request in said requisition step,

wherein said information informing step includes enabling inhibition of informing the user of the paper output place information when a request is not issued by performance of said issuing step.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A memory medium according to claim 9, further comprising code for eliminating information on the print job ~~having~~ that has used the corresponding paper output place from the memory means when papers have been removed from the paper output place of the said printer.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A memory medium according to claim 9, ~~wherein said registration step or said retrieval step is performed in the printer.~~

~~Claim 12 (previously presented): A memory medium according to claim 9,~~
wherein said registration step or said retrieval step is performed in the host device.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method for controlling a printing system which includes a printer having a print unit for performing a print process ~~[[of]]~~ on a print job and plural sheet storage units, said method comprising:

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a request step, of issuing a request of storage unit specifying information for enabling a user to specify the sheet storage unit used for a designated print job, designated based on a user's operation, according to an instruction from the user; and

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a notification step, of notifying the user of the storage unit specifying information corresponding to the designated print job, in response to the ~~[[issue]]~~ issuance of the request in said request step,

wherein said notification step includes enabling inhibition of notifying the user of the storage unit specifying information when a request is not issued by performance of said request step.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 13, further comprising a storage step, of storing, in a memory unit, the storage unit specifying information of each print job capable of performing management concerning which print job uses which sheet storage unit,

wherein, in said notification step, the user is notified of the storage unit specifying information corresponding to the designated print job in response to the ~~[[issue]]~~ issuance of the request in said request step, through a retrieval process for retrieving the storage unit

specifying information corresponding to the designated print job requested in said request step from among the plural storage unit specifying information stored in the memory unit.

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Claim 15 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 14, wherein the storage process of the storage unit specifying information in said storage step is performed by the printer.

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Claim 16 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 14, wherein the storage process of the storage unit specifying information in said storage step is performed by a host device capable of transmitting a print job to the printer.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 13, wherein the issue of the request of the storage unit specifying information in said request step is performed by a host device capable of communicating with the printer.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 17, wherein execution of said request step causes at least any of plural units including an application unit, a utility unit, a printer driver unit and an interface driver unit of the host device to generate inquiry data based on the request.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 18, wherein the inquiry data is composed of plural data including command data for instructing an inquiry concerning the storage unit and job data for specifying the job.

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Claim 20 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 17, wherein said notification step includes notifying a user of the host device of the storage unit specifying information, by causing a display unit of the host device to display the storage unit specifying information in response to the [[issue]] issuance of the request through the host device in said request step.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 17, wherein the [[issue]] issuance of the request of the storage unit specifying information in said request step can be performed through another device, different from the host device.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 21, wherein said notification step includes notifying a user of the another device of the storage unit specifying information, by causing a display unit of the another device to display the storage unit specifying information in response to the [[issue]] issuance of the request through the another device in said request step.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 21, wherein the printer, the host device and the another device [[can]] may mutually communicate through a network.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 13, wherein said request step includes issuing the request of the storage unit specifying information for enabling the user to specify the sheet storage unit used for the designated print job, designated based on the

~~user's operation, from among the plural sheet storage units of the plural printers including the printer and another printer, according to the instruction from the user, and~~

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said notification step includes notifying the user of the storage unit specifying information for enabling the user to specify the sheet storage unit used for the designated print job from among the plural sheet storage units of the plural printers including the printer and the another printer, according to the issue of the request in said request step.

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Claim 25 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 13, wherein said notification step includes notifying the user of the storage unit specifying information according to the ~~[[issue]]~~ issuance of the request in said request step, within at least a period from print completion of the designated print job to removal completion of the sheet for the designated print job from the sheet storage unit.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A printing system which includes a printer having a print unit for performing a print process ~~[[of]]~~ on a print job and plural sheet storage units, comprising:

request means for issuing a request of storage unit specifying information for enabling a user to specify the sheet storage unit used for a designated print job, designated based on a user's operation, according to an instruction from the user; and

notification means for notifying the user of the storage unit specifying information corresponding to the designated print job, in response to the ~~[[issue]]~~ issuance of the request by said request means.

wherein said notification means enables to inhibit notifying of the storage unit specifying information to the user when a request is not issued by said request means.

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Claim 27 (currently amended): A method for controlling a printing system which includes a printer having a print unit for performing a print process ~~[[of]]~~ on a print job and plural sheet storage units, said method comprising:

a request input step, of inputting a request of storage unit specifying information for enabling a user to specify the sheet storage unit used for a designated print job, designated based on a user's operation, the request being issued according to an instruction from the user; and

a response output step, of outputting the storage unit specifying information to be notified to the user and corresponding to the designated print job, in response to the input of the request data in said request input step,

wherein said notification step includes enabling inhibition of notifying the user of the storage unit specifying information when a request is not issued by performance of said request step.